

CLAIM(S):

1. A method of providing automated checkout by a guest from a lodging facility having an entertainment system with a headend connected through a distribution system to a plurality of guest terminals, the method comprising:

displaying for review on a guest terminal a listing of charges to a guest's account;

performing a checkout of the guest based upon the listing of charges in response to a selection made by the guest at the guest terminal; and

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sending a receipt electronically to a destination provided by the guest, which includes a checkout receipt for the listing of charges.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein the receipt includes date information, charges information, and lodging facility location information.

3. The method of claim 1 and further comprising:
prompting the guest to enter a destination in response to the selection made by the guest.

4. The method of claim 1 wherein sending a receipt electronically comprises:

sending an e-mail to an e-mail address provided by the guest.

5. The method of claim 1 wherein sending a receipt electronically comprises:

sending a facsimile transmission to a facsimile phone number provided by the guest.

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